



Edison Newsletter

DECEMBER 2020 - JANUARY 2021



Important Dates:



December	14	Board of Education Meeting (7:00 p.m.) Virtual (facebook)
December	21 -- 03	January 1-- NO SCHOOL – WINTER VACATION Registration payment due
January	04	SCHOOL RESUMES - Remote Learning
	07	PTO Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
	15	End of 1 st Semester
	18	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (observed)
	19	Planned date to return to Hybrid learning
	22	Report Cards (posted)
	25	Board of Education Meeting (7:00 p.m.) Virtual (facebook)
	27	Teacher Remote Planning 1/2-day attendance (AM)



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM EDISON FACULTY AND STAFF

REGISTRATION FEES – If you are paying registration fees on a Payment Schedule, the first payment was due October 5, 2020; the second payment is due January 5, 2021; and the third payment will be due March 1, 2021. If fee payments are delinquent and no attempt is made to pay or make arrangements for payment by March 1, 2021, delinquent fees will be turned over for legal action.



WEATHER-RELATED DISMISSALS – If we are able to return to Hybrid, please make plans with your children now for weather-related early dismissal days. We will be unable to handle the hundreds of phone messages that may come in, so prior planning will assure your children of what to do in case of an emergency school closing. Also, remind your children to dress warmly for outdoor recess activities (hat, gloves, coat, boots). Please listen to the following radio/tv stations for a school cancellation report: WJEQ-FM 102.7, WKAI-FM 100.0, WIUM-FM 91.3, KHQA-TV and WGEM-TV. If the weather becomes questionable during the day, please listen to your radio for cancellation of school, games or practices. The Skylert system will contact parents/guardians at all numbers provided with information on school closings/early dismissals.

FAMILY ACCESS INFORMATION – Parents may view student information on Family Access, a secure website offered by Macomb CUSD#185. If you need a Family Access log in and password, you must contact the Edison School Office.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE - Students must log into all class meetings with their classroom teachers and Art, Music and PE. Students will also need to attend any small group sessions and interventions. Attendance is taken twice daily – just like if we do when students are present in the school building. If students do not join – and stay in the meeting – they will be marked absent and parents will be contacted. If the student is sick and too sick to join the meetings, parents will need to call the school office to let the office know.

REMOTE MEETING EXPECTATIONS - When students are in class meetings they need to SOAR and follow expectations during the meeting. The citizenship grade will be based on participation and how they follow SOAR expectations!

1. Students need to be in a good learning space, not laying in their bed, make sure their camera is on, and that they are dressed for school. Eliminate distractions – No TV or video games going. Cell phones should be put away and students should not be eating. Just like at school.
2. Students should use online tools appropriately – they should raise their hand, use the chat features as directed by their teacher, and keep themselves muted unless it is their turn to talk.
3. Students should participate and participate appropriately by providing positive contributions during discussions; using appropriate language and being sure not to disrupt class by talking out of turn or making off-topic comments.

CLASSWORK, DAILY TASKS AND GRADES -School work counts! Complete all schoolwork, daily tasks and homework – Just like if students were in the school building. Make sure work is turned in on time. Teachers will be available for extra help in the afternoons. Take advantage of it! Students should work on daily tasks in the afternoon. Whole class meetings might end early, but school is not over until 2:50.

VACATION TIME AND STUDENT ABSENTEEISM – We understand that parents cannot always plan their vacations around the school calendar; however, while many vacations can provide worthwhile educational experiences, children do miss out on valuable school time. Any days missed due to vacation are counted as absences. Many of the classroom experiences cannot be made up through homework. In addition, teachers find it difficult and time consuming to plan homework in advance of vacation time when lesson plans are often adjusted on a daily basis. Most teachers would prefer to give out the homework assignments when the child returns. The child does have one day to do make up work for each day missed. However, some routine assignments, such as spelling can be done in advance. We ask for your cooperation in keeping the children engaged in remote learning as much as possible and your understanding when all assignments cannot be given in advance. Thank you for being our educational partner.

APPOINTMENTS – If you need to take your child during the day for an appointment, please send a note to the teacher and call the Edison Office 309-837-3993. It is helpful if the teacher knows ahead of time when your child will be leaving. Thank you.

BUDGET – The Macomb School District Annual Budget is available on the district website. Go to <http://www.macomb185.org> and click on the District menu to select District Financial Reports. Then click on Macomb CUSD 185 Budget. Those wishing to view a printed copy may visit the Edison School office.

P.T.O. NEWS – The Edison School P.T.O. will be meeting on Thursday, December 3 and Thursday, January 7 at 5:30 p.m. online. We have a great group of volunteers who help with Accelerated Reader Shop, candy sales, box tops, and many other activities. We greatly appreciate our P.T.O. members and invite others to join!

A BIG THANK YOU to the Edison School PTO and to all the parents who brought in treats for the teachers and staff during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The goodies were much appreciated by all!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – Thank you for sending in your box tops--and please keep them coming! We are hoping to collect 10,000 box tops (\$1000.00) for Edison School this year. Here are some things you can do to help us finish the year strong and meet our goal:



1. Clip and place the box tops in an envelope or small ziploc bag. Label it with the teacher's name or room so your student's classroom can be credited. (Your student's name is not necessary.)
2. Have your student place it in the collection box in the Edison lobby or give it to their teacher.
3. Ask family members to save Box Tops for you too!
4. You can also go to www.BTFE.com for products that carry the box top label and to download the smart phone app.
5. Scan your receipt after shopping (you will need to have the Box Tops app) and Edison School will receive the credit for your purchases.

Thank you for supporting Edison School by collecting BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!

DENTAL EXAMINATIONS REQUIRED – The Illinois Department of Public Health requires that a dental examination be completed before May 15, 2021 for children in Kindergarten, 2nd, 6th, and 9th grades. If you are unable to obtain a dental exam for your student, then a waiver form must be completed. Dental forms are available on the district website.

SKYWARD MOBILE ACCESS – Free for any Skyward user – Administrator, Teacher, Parent, or Student. You now have access to your information anywhere you go! Check students' grades and attendance records; view student schedule information; find food service information. This is compatible with most mobile devices, including iOS, Android, Blackberry, and Windows Mobile. Apps may be located at iTunes, Google Play, and/or Amazon Appstore.

"No person has the right to rain on your dreams."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

